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To the Region:

The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)—representing elected officials from 184 cities, the counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura and their transportation commissions—proudly presents the 2001 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) that was adopted by the Regional Council on April 12, 2001.

The 2001 RTP was developed with substantial technical and policy input and assistance from twelve task forces, local governments through subregional planning organizations, the county transportation commissions, Caltrans and other state and federal agencies, the environmental community, the business community and the general public. Numerous meetings were held over the past two years to focus on specific modes, investment strategies and policies. This process helped build consensus on important issues and provided direction to the staff in preparing the 2001 RTP.

The 2001 RTP presents an assessment of the overall growth and economic trends in the SCAG Region for the years 2001–2025 and provides strategic direction for investments during this time period. The Plan should serve as a catalyst for linking the various transportation agency investments within the SCAG Region to provide a cohesive, balanced and multi-modal transportation system that addresses regional goals and is consistent with federal and state requirements.

The 2001 RTP is a dynamic document and is intended to foster a continuing regional dialogue with the goal of creating a metropolitan transportation system that provides options and opportunities for all segments of the population in a fair and equitable manner.

SCAG will regularly review and update the Plan to meet changing conditions. We encourage the members of the Southern California community to continue to assist us in our efforts. Your continuing interest in the activities of SCAG are appreciated and we cordially invite you to continue to participate with the Regional Council in meeting the planning challenges facing Southern California.

Sincerely,

RONALD BATES

President, SCAG

Mayor Pro Tem, City of Los Alamitos

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Leadership, vision and **progress** which promote economic growth, personal well-being and livable communities for all Southern Californians.

The Association will accomplish this Mission by:

- ▶ Developing long-range regional plans and strategies that provide for efficient movement of people, goods and information; enhance economic growth and international trade; and improve the environment and quality of life.
- ▶ Providing quality information services and analysis for the Region.
- ▶ Using an inclusive decision-making process that resolves conflicts and encourages trust.
- ▶ Creating an educational and work environment that cultivates creativity, initiative and opportunity.

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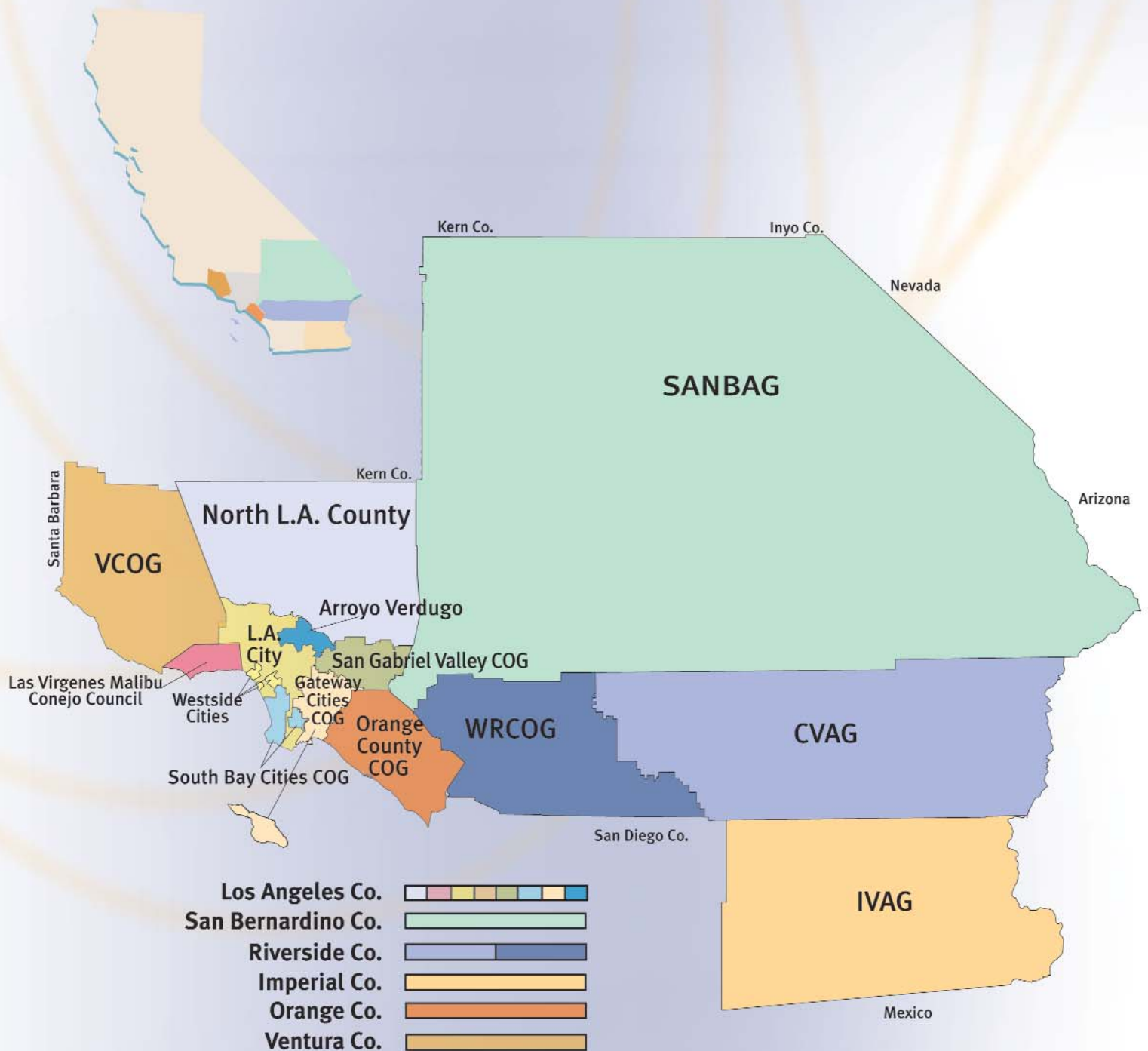
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